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Roosevelt Agrees Send Troops

Arizona Socialists In United Front With Communists Against Fascism

COMMUNIST CONVENTION IN CAL. STATE CAPITOL

Troops Held Ready; Rhode Island Gov. Orders Communists Jailed As 5000 Strikers Battle Militia

Textile Deaths Now Total 13 As Guards And Militia Fire Into Ranks of Workers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—After their ranks had been fired into by guardsmen, more than 5,000 enraged strikers in Saylesville, R. I., charged through tear gas and rifle fire, driving the troopers before them, wounding eight and killing one. The attack by the militia accompanied a move to rush strike-breakers into the mills in taxi cabs.

Police and guards exhausted their complete supply of tear gas and turned the fire of their guns on the men, but were unable to break their ranks. The running fight surged through the mill and business districts of the town as workers answered the challenge of military terror with a barrage of bare fists.

President Roosevelt has agreed to preparation of federal troops to march against the workers as soon as Gov. Green of Rhode Island asks for them.

S. F. Rank And File Prepare Slate In I.L.A. Election

BRIDGES, OTHER LEADERS OF STRIKE RUN FOR OFFICES IN UNION

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—The rank and file of the International Longshoremen's Association are preparing for their election of officers on Sept. 19, with the determination to hand all fakers their walking papers with as little ceremony as they kick scabs off the docks.

They learned during the strike that carelessness in electing officials means that they must not only fight the shippers but their tools, the labor fakers in union ranks. The rank and file has drafted a slate of tried and true leaders who proved their loyalty and ability in the struggle. These are the nominees who will really carry out the decisions of the membership:

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Prepare For Anti-War Congress In Chicago Sept. 28

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—All over the country preparations are being made by working class and sympathetic organizations to send delegates to the second U.S. Congress Against War and Fascism to be held in Chicago Sept. 28, 29th and 30th.

Fresh units of guardsmen are being rushed to Saylesville and Woonsocket, the two points at which police thugs and guardsmen were put to rout by strikers and sympathizers. A special session of the Rhode Island legislature is called to appropriate \$100,000 to increase the state police forces 500 men.

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Police have thrown a guard around the state capitol at Providence, R. I., as rumors spread that a protest march of strikers and sympathizers was converging on the city.

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Conference of Labor Civil Rights To Meet Sunday

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—Mobilization for struggle against the criminal syndicalism frame-ups in Sacramento which are attempting to illegalize strikes in California, the Conference for Labor's Civil Rights will hold its third conference of delegates from labor and fraternal organizations and sympathetic individuals at Carpenters Hall, 112 Valencia street, Sunday, September 16, at 2 p. m.

Calls to this conference, already sent out to all labor unions, point out that unless mass protest can stop the frame-up of the Sacramento criminal syndicalism prisoners, it will be illegal in California to strike, to picket, to boycott, or to belong to organizations advocating striking, picketing, or boycotting.

All workers whose unions have not elected delegates to this conference should attend the meeting as individuals, and report back to their unions at the next meeting to get their unions' support for this struggle against the attempt to illegalize all militant organizations of labor.

25 Held In Arizona Frame-ups; Naff Badly Beaten

SEND PROTESTS AGAINST FASCIST TERROR IN ARIZONA!

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 13.—Twenty-five strikers have been bound over to Superior Court on framed charges of riot and bail ranges from \$300 to \$1,200 each. Funds are badly needed for their defense, since the intense wave of terror loosed by the state forces and vigilantes, Legionnaires, Klansmen, etc., have wrecked the Workers' Center. The strike of 3,000 relief workers for adequate relief has been broken with the error.

During the struggle on the picket lines and the present court defense the militant members of the Socialist Party are fighting side by side with the Communists and other strikers.

The attempt to crush the Communist Party has failed and daily since the terror began Communist leaflets have been given wide distribution, calling on the workers to support the strike of the relief workers and to fight the fascist attack on their rights by a Klansman governor.

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625 Poisoned At Sawtelle Veterans Home; 8 May Die

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—Criminal callousness in regard to the health of the 2,000 men at the veterans' home at Sawtelle caused the poisoning of at least 625 of them from the food served last Friday.

Of these about one hundred are still in the hospital and at least eight are in danger of death.

Huge headlines which ran the first day in the capitalist press about the poisoning gave the number as 350, and the following day and since not a word has appeared, as all draw the cloak of silence to cover up the terrible affair.

The facts of the real number were ascertained by Western Worker correspondents, for though the chief medical officer, Col. James Matisson, has blamed the boiled ham served, and Col. Hadly, commandant, has launched an "investigation," and a separate probe was started by chemists in the United States Hospital, the inquiries, like all similar ones, are only to allay public resentment.

Many of the men agree with Matisson in blaming the ham, while others of the vets, conducting their own investigation, discovered many who did not eat the ham were poisoned. Results indicate that in the installation of new steam cooker, when connections were soldered, some of the acid got into the pipes and, not caring the slightest for the health of the men, the water was shot directly into the steamer, poisoning all food cooked in it, instead of first cleaning out the pipes. For this slight saving in expense, all these men were poisoned.

This vicious disregard is only typical of the whole attitude toward the welfare of veterans. The huge slashes in the name of "economy" had already cut the number of vets at the home from 8,000 to 2,000.

For information concerning the congress, address: The American League Against War and Fascism, 112 E. 19th street, Room 605, New York City.

When No Scab Trucks Moved In Phoenix



Truckload of police arriving at relief strikers' picket line in Phoenix just a few minutes before they piled out and began attack on unarmed strikers.

Demand No Troops In Textile Strike!

President Roosevelt has just agreed to Governor Green's request to supply Federal troops to the mill owners of Rhode Island to break the strike. At last he has been forced to expose his hand and join the fight openly on the side of the industrialists. All that remains to be done is for the legislators to agree to calling them, and this is expected momentarily—unless the voice of the workers of the country stops them.

This action follows the worst blood-bath that any group of industrialists have yet loosed on strikers in the present wave, and is the most brutal of years.

Faced with a line of hundreds of militia bayonets, machine guns and armed police, the picket line at Saylesville, R. I., charged in. Ten militiamen lay on the street when the fight was over, when the 5,000 unarmed pickets, enraged at the ruthless killing of more than ten of their fellow strikers over the eastern front, were finally forced back by superior numbers and force of arms.

Their courage shines as an inspiration from one end of the country to the other. Their main weapon, sympathetic strikes, the strength of the working class behind them, can beat all the bayonets that can be mustered at all the tricks to force sell-out arbitration upon them.

Workers in other industries throughout the south and east are coming out in their support. Already from Mexico City comes word that the members of the Graphite Arts Union are coming out in sympathy, starting a solidarity movement there.

On the West Coast the workers know from experience the ruthlessness with which the bosses try to break a general strike. There are no picket lines in California in this strike, but we can take a vital part in supporting the struggle.

The call for troops must be answered with a move for sympathetic strikes of ALL WORKERS in allied trades.

In every union rank and file members must take the floor and demand a resolution pledging moral support with the million textile strikers to pass a protest against the terror used to try to crush it, and a substantial financial contribution be made. Every workers' organization, every sympathetic individual, must make the same pledge, the same contribution as far as they can.

This strike, the biggest one yet seen, is simultaneous with scores of other big struggles throughout the country. A rising wave beating against the wage-cuts and further attacks under the NRA. The movement has not yet reached its crest, but it is gathering strength and can become a nationwide general strike against the nation-wide general attack upon the working class.

The fight of the textile strikers is our fight!

Demand that Federal troops be withheld.

Workers! Organizations! Trade unions! Give your support until the demands they fight for are won!

L.A. CONFERENCE MAP JOBLESS MEETING PLANS

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12.—In preparation for the state unemployed convention October 15 in Fresno, four sectional conferences will be held in the Los Angeles area.

The conferences are scheduled as follows:

224 S. Spring street, Room 202, September 19, at 7:30 p. m.

2706 Brooklyn avenue, September 21, at 7:30 p. m.

Southern and Truba streets, South Gate, September 21, at 7:30 p. m.

In Our Next Issue

"The Sinclair Illusion and Why Vote Communist." (The first of a series of articles by GEORGE MORRIS which later will be published in a pamphlet.)

Assembly Conferences in San Francisco

All workers and sympathizers are urged to attend the ASSEMBLY CONFERENCES held in the assembly districts where they reside.

This conference will lay the plans for the conduct of the Communist election campaign in that district, will elect the ASSEMBLY ELECTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE who will see that this plan is carried out, and will organize the job of getting into the precincts of the assembly districts with our election material.

Workers living in Assembly districts where conferences have not yet been called are invited to attend the Conference closest to them. And there they can receive instructions and help in organizing a conference in their Assembly district.

Assembly District 27

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16; 8 P. M.

Boundaries: Pine Street to Marina Blvd, Van Ness Ave. to Arguello Blvd.

Speaker: Jack Olsen, candidate for State Senator.

Place: Steinbeck Hall, 2760 Octavia street.

Assembly District 22

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16; 2 P. M.

Boundaries: Market street to Bay street, Powell street to Church street, Market street to McAllister street, Laguna street to Fillmore street.

Speakers: Edward Harrington, candidate for Assembly, Dist. 23; Alex Noral, candidate for U. S. Congress, Dist. 5.

Place: Equality Hall, 141 Alton street.

Assembly District 20

This Assembly District is large, so there will be three conferences in different parts of this Assembly District.

Speakers: Karl Hama, candidate for Assembly, Dist. 22; Len Greer, candidate for Assembly, Dist. 26.

Place: Franklyn Hall, 1859 Fillmore street.

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All Communist Candidates at Convention; Darcy, Hougaard, Ross Speak; Try Free Chambers

Violence, Trickery and Frame-Ups Fail To Put Communist Party Off Calif. Ballot

DARCY TO TALK OVER RADIO

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12—Sam Darcy, Communist candidate for governor, will speak Wednesday night, September 19, over radio station KMTR, from 8:30 to 8:45 p. m.

This will be the first of a series of weekly campaign broadcasts at which the leading state and local candidates will be featured.

Avert Hougaard, held on the

same charges and released Thursday on \$4,000 cash bail, Communist candidate for congressman, will be one of the main speakers at the convention. Sam Darcy, candidate for governor; Pettis Perry, candidate for lieutenant-governor; Lawrence Ross, candidate for congressman from Los Angeles, and Harold Ashe, candidate for secretary of state, will be the other main speakers.

The convention held in the State Capitol at this time is an important victory proving that despite all the attempts all over the state and particularly here, to legalize the Communist Party, these efforts have failed and the Party remains on the ballot. For two months every effort has been made to crush the Party in Sacramento, with arrests, closing of headquarters and frame-up trials

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Portland Workers Nominate Slates of 19 Candidates CAPITALIST CAMPAIGN CAN'T KEEP WORKERS OFF BALLOT

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 13.—When the nominating petitions for the workers' candidates were filed at the secretary of state's office, O'Hara, in charge of the election division, declared that there would probably be trouble about getting on the ballot because of the slogan chosen—"Communism Against Fascism"—Independent. Though the slogan and all the details of the law with regard to nominating were scrupulously observed, the attempt to thus, through trickery, keep the candidates off is a continuance of the campaign of red scares and intimidation used to prevent getting the Communist Party on the ballot as a legal party.

Workers in all parts of the country should immediately send protests to Attorney General Van Winkle, Capitol Bldg., Salem, Ore., demanding that all candidates under this slogan be left on the ballot.

PORLAND, Ore., Sept. 11.—Despite the boss reign of terror against the workers, aided by the capitalist press and radio, which kept the Communist Party off the ballot, more than one hundred workers held a nominating assembly at the Unemployed Unity Center, Portland, Ore., Saturday, September 8th, and chose nineteen candidates for national, state and local positions for the coming general election.

After the announcement of the assembly to nominate candidates on a workers' ticket, the Oregon Journal began carrying vicious editorials against the assembly, attacking the Party, and laid the base for the police intimidation which occurred when the workers were going into the hall.

Despite all the intimidation, more than the one hundred qualified voters required by law, were present.

Louis Olson, section organizer of the Party, now out on \$3,000 bail on charges of criminal syndicalism, explained the need for a "workers' ticket" in the state. (Continued on Page 3, Col. 6.)

East of the Rockies

U.S. Wants Russia Pay Cost of White Terror

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The Roosevelt government is seeking to hold up the Soviets for huge sums loaned by the American government and private capitalists to finance the White terror against the Russian workers. Discouraging over these claims which amount to hundreds of millions of dollars, is holding up trade with the Soviets. Industrialists, eager for the profits involved, are bringing pressure to effect a settlement which will enable them to get the huge Soviet orders. They base their arguments on the fact that Soviet trade will mean jobs for at least 80,000 American workers. Whilst this is perfectly true, the bulk of Russian imports consist of manufacturing machinery as our Soviets are rapidly approaching the position where they can supply all their own needs.

Blue Eagle To Be Enforced By Boycott

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—First move in the renewed NRA drive is the printing of new consumer blue eagles and the launching of a campaign toward the boycotting of stores outside NRA domination. This will further strengthen the monopolies of major capitalistic groups.

Italian Group Endorses Unemployment Insurance

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—The national convention of the Independent Sons of Italy, a fraternal organization with lodges throughout the country, has endorsed the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, HR 7598.

Ford Lays Off Thousands

DETROIT, Sept. 17.—Ford workers returning to work after the shutdown which lasted more than a week, found that thousands of them are being laid off for an indefinite period. The intended layoffs were kept secret at the time of shutdown in order to prevent workers from organizing solidly while all were out.

Police Attack Niagara Demonstration

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sept. 17.—Eight were jailed when police smashed a demonstration of 1,000 workers protesting the framing of Alphonso Davis of a false rape charge. The demonstration was called by the International Labor Defense.

5,000 Unemployed Demonstrate

ALLENTHON, Pa., Sept. 17.—Five thousand unemployed workers demonstrated demanding an immediate end to all evictions and sheriff sales and the immediate payment for all rents and provision for light and fuel for the jobless. Pitched battles of workers with landlords, and their thugs have resulted from refusal of the Lehigh County Poor Board to provide rents.

Negro Woman Clubbed By Cop

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—A young Negro woman was brutally clubbed and kicked; several other workers were badly beaten and many arrested when police attacked a peaceful demonstration of white and Negro workers protesting job discrimination against Negroes by the Empire Cafeteria. A provocateur threw a brick through the cafeteria window as a signal for the attack to begin. Later this same man participated with the police in clubbing workers.

DAIRY WORKERS STRIKE; WIN PAY INCREASE TO \$60

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 11.—Seven workers at Gordon's dairy near here won an increase from \$50 to \$60 per month by a strike lasting a few hours. They were led by their dairy committee of the Food Workers' Industrial Union, MIB Section.

Small isolated strikes have been occurring frequently in the dairies in Southern California, following the initiative taken last winter when the milkers broke with the cynical Federation of Labor, organized under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League, and held a general strike. While the major objective of this strike was lost, many gains were made in the smaller dairies, and the struggles that have followed the general strike have brought wages of milkers generally from 10 per cent to 25 per cent higher.

Montanan Tells of Relief Grafting In Mother's Kitchen

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Sept. 5.—The A. C. M. controls our "rations" in Montana. We have three different forms of relief in Cascade county, as follows:

1. The Salvation Army, which is fast losing ground. They feed about 30 men 2 "meals" (?) a day. Even these rotten teasers are dished out with a snarl. They are paid 43 cents per man per day for feeding and housing us.

2. "Mother's Kitchen," which receives the same amount of money as the Sally. The food is slightly better, but there is a booze joint in the same house, and the men are compelled to sleep two in a bed in the houseless bedding. The man who is sober is compelled to sleep with a drunk if "Mother" says so. This old parise has her ways of chiseling; she charges \$1200 a month for "accommodating" three men in a room, in a large bed and a cot. She refused to pay her plumber's bill recently, saying that she was broke, but she drives around in a sleek new \$2,500 Buick.

We must organize and work all together to end these rackets.

Organizes Group In Welfare Office And Wins Grocery Order

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 10.—Last Tuesday I went to the County Welfare office at Jefferson and San Pedro with a fellow worker who had not received a grocery order that was due the previous Saturday.

Smith, the visitor we saw, said "Your order is in the mail." The worker told him that he was a liar, that the postman had been at his house this morning before he started for the welfare office. So the visitor looked up the case and reported that the grocery order had failed to go out, but that he would send it out the next day. The worker, however, demanded it then and there. The visitor said that it was against all regulations to do that and ordered him out. "When I get my grocery order I'll leave—not before," was the reply. The visitor then threatened to call the cops.

While the argument was going on, I got a couple of Negro workers organized to resist the arrest of the protesting worker or make them take us all in. Seeing this, the visitor came back with the grocery order and we all left.

Nazi Opportunities.

One of the measures, for ex-

Machinists 68 Denounce Red Scare

Candidate For Governor Leads Strikers



Clay Naff, Communist Party candidate for Governor of Arizona, after being beaten leading the Phoenix relief workers' strike, went home, got his head bandaged and returned to the picket lines, where later he was beaten again and jailed. With him is the militant Negro worker James Porter.

Fight For These Issues In Your A. F. of L. Local

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 13.—With the convention of the State Federation of Labor opening at Pasadena Monday, September 17, rank and file groups of workers are preparing to struggle for the adoption of a number of important resolutions at this convention. These struggles will serve as an important preliminary to the struggles around the selection of delegates and the passing of resolutions for the national convention of the American Federation of Labor, to be held in San Francisco on October 1.

To be introduced at the State Federation convention, a resolution must first have been adopted by at least one local. The national committee of the A. F. of L. rank and file is calling upon all California workers to introduce and fight for the adoption of militant resolutions in their locals, and to demand the election of rank-and-file delegates pledged to vote for, and support on the floor, these resolutions.

* Rank and File Struggle.

Resolutions fall into four main divisions covering essential points in the fight to transform the A. F. of L. into a real fighting organization for the needs of the workers. These resolutions should cover:

1. Endorsing the principle of class-struggle Industrial Unionism and the use of sympathy strikes and the general strike.

2. Demanding that the A. F. of L. support and fight for the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, HR 7598.

3. Demanding trade union democracy, rank and file control, and against gangsterism in the A. F. of L.

4. Mobilizing a fight against anti-labor laws, and a struggle for the freedom of all class-war prisoners.

* Sympathy Strikes.

Most important of the resolutions are those for endorsing sympathy strikes as a weapon of labor. With the propaganda during and following the General Strike that such actions are illegal and revolutionary, it is of the utmost importance that the rank and file shall insure that labor shall keep this weapon of class solidarity in its hand.

* Industrial Unions.

Hand in hand with the sympathy strike question is the question of industrial unionism. Showing that employers are combining on an industrial basis in organizations like the Chamber of Commerce, the Industrial Association, the Textile Institute, and similar bodies, the A. F. of L. Rank and File Committee points out that for labor to struggle successfully against the combined forces of the employers, it is necessary to have just as wide a solidarity as the bosses have. In cases such as the longshoremen's and seamen's strike in San Francisco, when not only the shipowners but all the

bosses of San Francisco joined in the attempt to smash the union, sympathetic action by the workers in other industries is the only answer which the workers can have.

* Unemployment Insurance.

With five State Federations of Labor already on record endorsing the Workers' Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, HR 7598, a sharp struggle for this bill should succeed in winning its endorsement at Pasadena and San Francisco. Despite the opposition of Green and his reactionary machine to the bill, rank and file sentiment has succeeded in passing endorsements in over two thousand locals.

Pointing out that while A. F. of L. officials sit on the NRA boards which cut wages, endorse company unions, and support the NRA speed-ups, the resolutions should demand that all officials of the A. F. of L. should withdraw from posts in the NRA, whether executive or advisory, that all union decisions shall be submitted to the membership of the unions for endorsement; that all suspensions and expulsions for non-payment of dues by unemployed members be stopped; the election of all local officials by secret ballot; the right of recalling officials at any time; and the right of union members to belong to any political party they desire to. This latter point is particularly important as a blow against expulsions of Communists or other militants.

In regard to the San Francisco General Strike, the recommendation for condemning the strike-breaking role of William Green, president of the A. F. of L., and of Casey, Vanderleur, O'Connell, and the other bureaucrats of the Central Labor Council, who betrayed the strike after all efforts

had been made to keep it going.

On the SERA job in the same territory there is a lot of discrimination.

We must organize the unemployed, CWA, PWA and SERA in one mass union and smash this attack of the boss class on the workers' living standards.

—CLYDE CHAMPION.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12.—On the 20th day of August I was cut off relief for refusing to work on the garden flat, a job which is worse than slavery. The following week I demanded a grocery order but was refused. I told them I would be back with a committee of the Relief Workers' Protective Union. This week I went up again with a small committee and made the same demand, but was refused again. Then I insisted that the head office be called again. Then I promised the R. W. P. U. would expose the relief racket and call a demonstration at his office.

This was Tuesday noon, Thursday morning they were at the door begging my wife to urge me to take the slave job. My wife replied that if I even thought of such a thing she would kick me out. To get workers in Los Angeles to accept this forced labor, only a few at a time are called, so that there will not be too much trouble if some refuse to go. If it became apparent that many refused, it would hurt their political prestige. They also have many pets they don't send out.

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Foreign News Briefs

100,000 Japanese Seamen To Strike

TOKYO, Sept. 14.—A strike of 100,000 members of the Japanese Seamen's Union threatened to tie up the shipping industry here when a series of demands was presented to the shipping companies for shorter hours, higher pay, and better food and living conditions aboard ship.

The shipping companies called for a meeting for September 25 to consider the demands, and in the meantime prepare for breaking the strike.

Costa Rica Banana Workers Strike Again

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Sept. 13.—When the United Fruit repudiated their agreement signed with the banana workers which a week ago ended the long strike, the banana workers in Limon province answered by walking out again. The strike is immediately spreading to other provinces, and workers in other industries are preparing to walk out in sympathy unless the demands of the banana workers are met.

Jail 9 Communists In Haiti

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Sept. 14.—Reassurance was given to American imperialists that they left their interests in good hands when the marines were withdrawn, when President Vincent's government today arrested nine Communists for distributing antiparliamentary literature, and attempts are being made to jail more. They will face summary trial by court martial at the hands of the Garde d'Haiti, native national guard, which is equipped by American interests with weapons made in the U. S. A.

Mexican Union To Support Textile Strike

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 14.—Members of the Graphic Arts Union had today forced the executive committee to agree to call a general strike in sympathy with the textile workers in the U. S.

2 U. S. Mechanics Win Order Of Lenin

MOSCOW, Sept. 14.—Clyde Armistead and William Lavery were awarded the Order of Lenin Monday at the session of the Presidium of the Central Executive Committee of the U. S. S. R. for their work in aiding the rescue of the exploring expedition marooned when the Chelyuskin sank. Ambassador Bullitt participated at the ceremony.

11,000 Tokyo Streetcar Men Strike

TOKYO, Sept. 8.—More than 11,000 members of the Transport Workers' Union are on strike here tying up the streetcars and buses throughout the city. Few sea ears are being run. The strike, against mass lay-offs and wage-cuts resulting from a reorganization of the system, is the biggest one seen here. A whole series of smaller strikes in metal and machine shops have been occurring in Osaka, industrial center of Japan.

Nazis Incite New Pogroms

BERLIN, Sept. 5.—A new order by the Nazis, made through Rudolf Hess and distributed in 3 million copies, forbids any member of the Nazi Party from having any dealings with Jews, either business or social.

L. A. FORUM WILL DISCUSS COMING AFL CONVENTION

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12.—Vital discussion concerning the state and national conventions of the American Federation of Labor will be discussed at the Sunday night forum of the Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring street, on September 23, at 8 p. m.

An informed speaker from the Rank and File Committee of the A. F. of L. will analyze the proceedings of the state convention, scheduled in Pasadena on September 17, and give the perspective on the national convention in San Francisco on October 1.

The floor will be opened to questions addressed to the speaker and later to discussion from the floor.

The leaflets are urging organization of SERA workers and others on relief projects to fight against wage-cuts, speed-up system, labor on garden plots, evictions, gas and light shut-offs, etc.

Leaders of the Provisional Committee speaking at the conference, predicted unpreceded struggles of the unemployed this winter on the basis of present wage-cuts and others to follow, if the workers accept the first wage-cut. They pointed out that the present wage-cut, alone, would result in thousands of evictions of workers unable to pay rent with decreased pay envelopes, gas and light shut-offs, etc.

Anti-War Conference To Elect Delegates To Chicago Congress

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 10.—Indications of a big Los Angeles county delegation to the second American Congress Against War and Fascism are shown in preparations being made for the conference next Sunday, September 15, at 1 p. m., in the Cultural Center, 230 S. Spring street.

Delegates to be sent by the American League Against War and Fascism will be elected at this meeting. At the same time it is expected that several organizations affiliated to the League will announce delegates to be sent by their own bodies.

The conference aims to build the League in Los Angeles as a permanently functioning organization, built around a city committee of affiliated organizations and individual memberships, which will be grouped in neighborhood committees of struggle against war and fascism.

As a send-off to the delegates for the trip of the official League delegates, a send-off program is scheduled for Saturday evening, September 22, at the Cultural Center. At this time all pledges previously made are to be presented.

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ample, is the edict that all young single workers below the age of 25 must be discharged and their jobs given to family heads. In the first place a family will have to subsist on the low wages of the young worker, probably equal to the amount at present given on relief. The theory is that the young men are to be spurred to getting married, at a more rapid rate. Also as the decree for women, so the youth is to be confined to domestic and farm work. This is where opportunities for the German youth go. One cannot even start to acquire any experience in a trade or profession prior to the age of 25.

All this only furthers indignation against the Nazi regime, in the ranks of the youth—hitherto its main support.

Main attention is now being focused on the Saar question. The Saar coal basin, with its 800,000 population, has become another point over which relations between Germany and France sharpen. This small but industrially important territory was given to France



Arizona

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as to his executive order which preceded the attack on the workers.

Charges against two defendants, Roy Lee Harvey, militant ex-serviceman, and Juan S. Luna, were dismissed as the prosecution rested its case in mid-afternoon.

A number of thugs, including Lon Jordan, deputy sheriff, and Wade H. Bolton were on the witness stand.

The sins of bosses to the cheated crowd.

Though every blatant QUIZZ em-
ploys

The maximum of wind and noise,
The boss sits back in smug se-
curity

Heeding neither sin nor purity,
Scandal, slander and shouted fact

Wilt still leave all his graft intact,
For probes and QUIZZES soon

will pass;
Like figs he has tossed to a gall-
ible mass.

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The use value of a QUIZ among capitalists is very high. Almost anything can be accomplished under its magic sign. Huey Long has managed to take possession of the state of Louisiana by the simple expedient of a QUIZ. His only danger now is that someone will speak up in back of him and say, "QUIZ! Then he will be fit."

There are rules to the game that unethical participants sometimes ignore. For example, Clarence Darow had the audacity to QUIZ the NRA. This was obviously judging because the Roosevelt government is supposed to be the main QUIZZICAL agency. This transgression of the rules is called QUIZZING THE QUIZZERS and can only be repaired by pouring out gallons of white-wash which have to be paid for by the taxpayers. QUIZZING THE QUIZZERS, if carried out to any extent would result in all-around exposure that would leave no capitalist agency with enough self-righteousness to QUIZ one else and the whole game would collapse.

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Arbitration is the latest model of a QUIZ. Arbitration, which is usually served red hot on the end of a bayonet, is the QUIZ converted into a strike-breaking medium. The method of applying it is to wave a red herring and sing the star spangled banner at the top of your voice. This mystifies and temporarily distracts the attention of the strikers. Once their backs are turned, all of their demands are turned over to a mediation board consisting of a few old friends of the boss. This mediation board takes the demands into a private chamber and weaves a cocoon of red tape around them. When the cocoon hatches out it is a wage cut.

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A QUIZ can be squirted in two directions. It can be used as a pretense of cleaning up the graft in capitalism or to whitewash a crime and stick the blame on somebody else. Pretending to clean up capitalism is like spraying perfume on a manure heap. The Ward line QUIZ is of the frame-up variety and consists of trying to lay the blame for the burning of the Morro Castle on the "Rads." Why the "Rads" would want to burn an ocean liner no one can imagine. The fact that the ship was a raving pandemonium of drunks on the night it caught fire is not considered of any importance.

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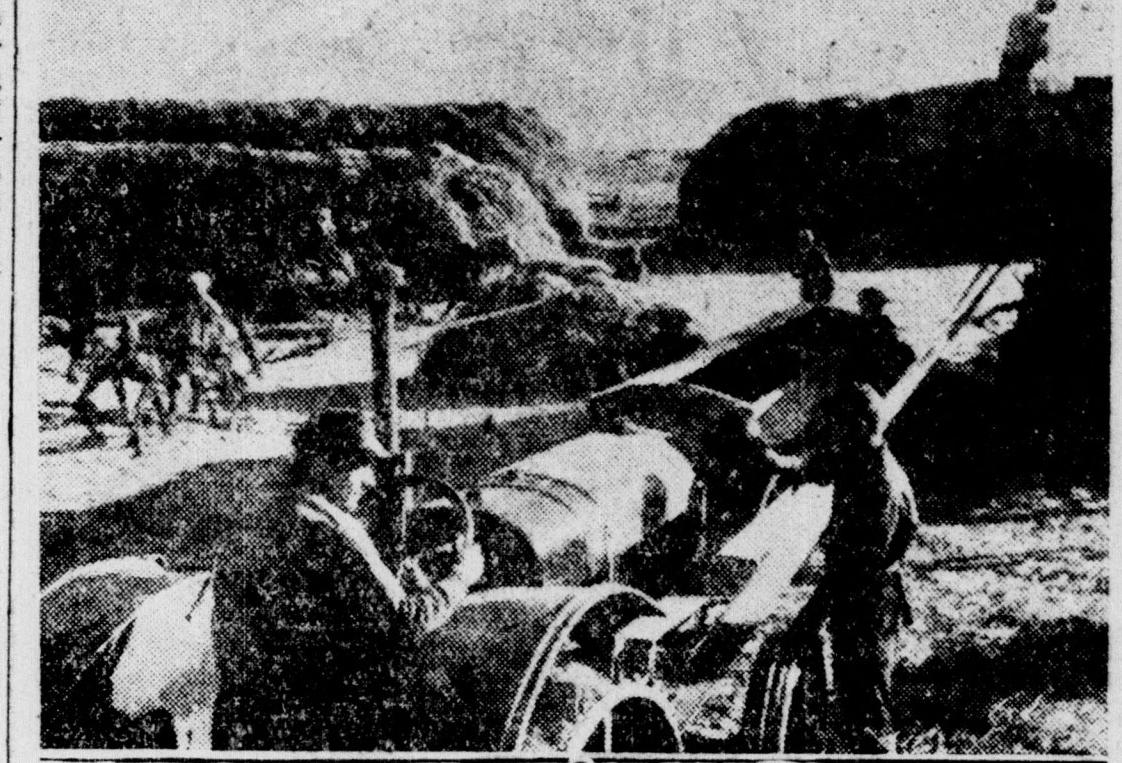
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How Drought Was Beaten In USSR.

(By JOHN COLZ.)

Threshing the Harvest of Soviet Grain



With the approach of harvest time in the Soviet Union certain Nazi groups engaged in anti-Soviet propaganda began shouting famine and have found a ready response in the reactionary American press. This slander has been exposed by two competent authorities who visited the regions alleged to have suffered from drought.

Harold Denny, correspondent of the New York Times, visited Kiev to study the crop. He reported that threshing there were showing the average harvest. He found that while the collective farmers were prosperous, the individual farmer had poorer crops and expected to join the collective farms before next year. The profit stimulus of the capitalist farmer had failed in competition with the socialist organization of the collective farm.

* North Caucasus Crop Good.

The second visitor, Professor Muller of the University of Texas, made a motor trip of several weeks through the North Caucasus and the Ukraine and reported in a Berlin interview that the crop there would be better than last year's. It should be remembered that foreigners investigating Soviet agriculture always pick the places where the results have been the worst, and judge collective farms by results shown where there has been most opposition to them by the kulaks.

The Soviet authorities assert that this year the crop will be less in some regions, and more in others, with the total crop at least equal to last year's record crop. This is shown by the plan of grain deliveries of the state farms alone, with quotas of 17,325 tons, the amount delivered was 22,725 tons, or 131 per cent of the plan. Throughout the Soviet Union, the July and August plans of grain collection by the state were fulfilled with more grain collected than a year ago at the same time.

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Weather conditions have been excellent for the crop in Northern and Central Russia and Siberia this year. Spring came late, the snow was slow in melting and before the ground dried up heavy

summer rains assured an excellent crop, so knowing drought would strike the south, additional acreage was sown here. In the south, on the other hand, spring came early, and during April and May there was no rain. In previous years the peasants would have despaired of raising a crop, but under Soviet leadership, the masses were organized to combat the drought. The crops were sown in a shorter space of time and the quality of work was better than ever before. Ground plowed deeply by tractors, instead of the former shallow plowing of the peasants, the use of selected seed, cleaned of all weed seeds, and the use of seed drills instead of the old hand-sowing, ensured the best possible crop. The collective farms at once set to work on gigantic projects of irrigation. Streams were diverted, dams hastily constructed, ditches dug, wells excavated, and even the city and town fire departments called upon to combat the drought. In the Donets Coal Basin, where 500,000 workers in

summers quantities of tractors and modern machinery in his own country. Yet eighteen years ago both countries were part of the same Russian Empire, but one has chosen the Communist path and advanced, while the other has kept to the capitalist path and stagnated, with the result that the Soviet visitor looks on with wonder at not seeing a tractor through the whole width of the country.

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2 Portland I.L.A. Men Framed For Strike Activity

BULLETIN

PORLAND, Ore., Sept. 14.—The three longshoremen, convicted on framed charges in Judge Kanzler's court Sept. 6, have been sentenced to terms of one year each.

PORLAND, Ore., Sept. 9.—Thomas F. Black, Malcolm R. Samuelson and James Hanlon, longshoremen accused of having beaten two special policemen at the Carlton hotel on June 28, were found guilty of assault and battery by a jury in Circuit Judge Kanzler's court on September 6, by a vote of 11 out of 12 after about an hour's deliberation. Sentence will be pronounced at 9:15 a.m. on Monday.

Defense Attorneys Green and Lord surprised everyone by not having the defendants appear at all and by not presenting any witnesses or any argument to the jury.

Several motions for mistrial by the defense were refused by Kanzler.

The defendants were accused in two indictments of assaulting and beating John V. Lake and Carl Jensen, special policemen during the waterfront strike. Both of the special policemen related alleged details of the beating and Kanzler declared that Black, who was not even in the courtroom at the time, was the man who hit him.

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TEXTILE STRIKE

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Woonsocket as the bayonet-bristling ranks around the plants crumbled before the angry rush of thousands of pickets.

National guardsmen surround the mills in Maine, Connecticut, Mississippi, and North and South Carolina.

Nine workers were shot down by police and militia, many of whom are in critical condition. They are: William Blackwood, 22; Charles Gorsey, 18; Nicholas Gravelo, 22; and six others. More than 100 have been injured by clubs, bayonets and gas.

In the face of unpreserved terror and violence the ranks of the strikers crystallize more solidly throughout all affected states and the walk-out continues to shut down new mills daily.

Francis J. Gorman, A. F. of L. head of the strike committee, is making frantic haste with employers' representatives and the President's mediation board to sidetrack all demands into arbitration.

RELIEF STRUGGLE

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clair's protest against the threat has forced the action.

The bill is to be ratified on November 6th. Whether the funds are to be issued in direct relief or utilized in forced labor projects has not yet been decided.

Member 15th. The state Assembly voted today by 51 to 9 to subpoena Vernon Northrup, state relief administrator, to answer for his criticizing the proposed setup, as well as stand inquiry into SERA affairs.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 14.—The Public Workers and Unemployed Union has called a mass meeting for Friday night, September 14th, at Equality Hall, 141 Albion street, to plan action for the coming winter. A set of demands will be presented for adoption by the body. They will include direct relief or equivalent work orders amounting to \$10 per week for every unemployed worker and \$3 for each dependent and no discrimination because of race, color or creed. The meeting proposes to announce its official endorsement of the Federal Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill (HR 7598).

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Editorial Column

Arizona Socialists Fight

While many Socialist Party leaders in California are trying to get in on the quest for spoils they hope may result from backing Sinclair and using this as a means to escape the class struggle, while in Milwaukee the Socialist Party National Executive Committee passed the buck to the Second International to avoid joining in an immediate united front with the Communist Party—war and fascism, in Arizona an inspiring example is being given.

Here are genuine militants in the Phoenix local of the Socialist Party; here are men and women capable of learning the lessons of Germany and Austria, and not ducking their heads under a pile of red tape excuses like Norman Thomas, or climbing onto a bosses' jackass like Sinclair and his cohorts; men who come out in the open and fight.

Relief workers in Arizona, unable to live on the miserable allowance given for their forced labor, struck, organized and led by the Communist Party. When the strike was being organized Pat Callahan, Communist Party organizer for Arizona, was kidnapped by gangsters calling themselves United White Americans. The Socialist Party joined the protest against this and demanded that the kidnappers be jailed.

Then the strike began against the FERA. The Socialist Party, without any doubts as to its importance, or any attempts to hide behind phrases, readily joined in a united front of action with the Communist Party to help the relief workers in their fight. When word came to one of their meetings that at the moment a special meeting was being held at the Court House to "take care of the reds," these Socialists knew they were reds. They adjourned their meeting. But not to go home. They came in a body to the Workers' Center to act as a defense squad at this headquarters against the expected gangster attack.

On the picket lines also the Socialists were to be found. During the police attack Thursday they, too, were clubbed and jailed. Now they are carrying on the united front action in its present phase—defense of the twenty-five held for trial on riot. Lem Mathews, Socialist attorney, is working with the International Labor Defense to free these men and women, who include Burt, the Socialist Party organizer.

Faced with fascism in fact, and with war, class war, these men did not answer with letter-writing and postponements—they fought. And the Socialist locals all over the country should be inspired by their example to follow suit.

Man Ships With Adequate Union Crews

Out of the maze of inquiries and rain of whitewash that is covering the Morro Castle crime, certain facts can never be covered up. And they all are to be laid at the foot of capitalist greed.

The Morro Castle, one of the newer boats built with government funds under the White-Jones Act, was apparently foul with graft in its construction. A ship that cost millions of dollars of taxpayers' money was not fireproof as she was supposed to have been.

But even more glaring than that is the fact that ships today sail undermanned with scab crews who do not know their business. Beyond the officers it is doubtful if a single one of the crew, hired new for this trip under strike conditions in Havana, knew a lifeboat from a davit. Recruited as scabs from anywhere they did not care that in emergency a seaman is a fireman, not a rat scurrying for safety. But underpaid, working under miserable conditions, and knowing he will be fired at the end of the trip, these are matters he cares nothing about. It is no accident that engineers who sail with scab crews, and scabs themselves, will take to the lifeboats and leave the passengers behind.

This will continue, and passengers will run the same risk, so long as shipowners care more for profits than men. Inspection laws mean nothing—they already exist. And the frantic effort to cover up by screaming "red plot" is so transparent that no one is fooled.

The only thing which will insure the maximum degree of safety is the hiring of sufficient men to the crews, union men trained long years in their work who know their duty in emergency and are proud of their profession. These main demands of full crews, decent living conditions and working hours, and union crews, have been fought for bitterly by the Marine Workers' Industrial Union and by the Communist Party. For these demands they will continue to fight until they are won. And because the shipowners know this they use this moment when they are exposed to the whole world, as an opportunity to try to fix the blame on "agitators" to cover themselves, and to crush the militant seamen if they can.

Out of the Morro Castle murders must come a demand on the part of the working class all over the country that all ships carry full union crews, with the working conditions, hours and wages fought for in the recent maritime strike on the Pacific. Let every workers' organization, every union in the country, flood the inquiry board and President Roosevelt immediately with this demand!

Facts for Speakers

(CLIP FOR YOUR NOTEBOOK.)

(By JOHN COLZ.)

BUSINESS DECLINE CONTINUES UNDER N. R. A.

July marked the second successive month in which industrial production declined. The Annual index of business activity for July was 72.4, the lowest point reached this year. A year ago the index for July was 89.5, and in the same month in 1929 the index reached the high figure of 116.7. The following table shows the decline of business which after a year of the New Deal continues to show that New Deal or old deal, the capitalist system is equally unable to solve its internal contradictions:

July, 1929	116.7
July, 1933	89.5
April, 1934	80.0
May, 1934	80.2
June, 1934	77.0
July, 1934	72.4

The index is compiled from reports of freight car loadings, the consumption by industry of cotton, wool, silk, and the production of electricity, iron, steel, boots and shoes, automobiles, lumber, cement and zinc, and is corrected so that seasonal differences in production do not affect its accuracy.

STEEL DROP UPSETS PREDICTIONS

There can be no return to prosperity until there is a pickup in the activity of the basic industries of which steel production is the most representative. Following a June which saw steel being produced at a rate of more than 50 per cent of capacity, July production dropped to less than half of the former month. All writers predicted a gradual increase in activity from the low level at the start of July, with the fall ushering in a new period of activity for the industry. The present drop of business and employment may be seen from the following table compiled from the reports of the American Iron and Steel Institute, which shows the rate of activity at the beginning of each week:

July 16	28.8
July 23	27.7
July 30	26.1
August 6	25.8
August 13	22.3
August 21	21.3
August 28	19.1
September 4	18.4

The table shows an uninterrupted decline for seven weeks, with production at the lowest level of the year at the beginning of what was to have been a Fall business revival.

P. W. A. EMPLOYMENT TO DECLINE

Richberg, in his recent report on the New Deal to the Executive Council, gave out some interesting information regarding the P.W.A. program. Appropriations amounted to \$3,700,000,000 of which all but \$35,000,000 has been allotted. Employment resulting from this program amounted to 675,000 at the time of the report and would reach a peak of about 700,000 in September. IN WINTER IT WOULD DROP AGAIN TO 300,000 and rise to 400,000 in June. In other words the government is at present spending the maximum amount it is willing to, in giving employment, and 400,000 more can look forward to joining the ranks of the unemployed soon.

Their Fight Is Our Fight! Support the Textile Strikers!



Guardsman Tells How He Learned What the Real Fight Is About

This letter, sent the Western Worker by a new comrade in New York, shows the reaction of one of the National Guardsmen there, which the latter says is becoming more widespread, and will continue to grow with the present use of the militia to break the textile strike:

"When I first joined the National Guard I thought the Communists were nothing but troublemakers, and I was helped along in this illusion by speeches from our officers. They always impressed us with our duty to preserve law and order, by telling us we had the authority to arrest anyone who talked against the government. I did not know,

"I was enlightened as to their real purpose in feeding us patriotic propaganda when our regiment was sent to a distant town to fight strikers. We were told that a bunch of Communists had gotten control of the factory and they would not let honest people earn a living by preventing them from working.

"When we got there we found a big crowd in front of the factory. Our officer in charge ordered them to disperse, but they did not move, nor did they say anything, until their spokesman shouted: 'We are breaking no law. We are exercising our constitutional right to strike and picket to protect our jobs.' Our officer told us to advance. So we did. Our bayonets had been fixed before. The crowd retreated until they reached the walk, and some women became hysterical, which added to the developing confusion. Then a fellow-guardsmen lost his head and fired into the crowd and I saw a man fall down. There was a moment of silence, and then sticks and stones began to fly from all directions. I was hit on the head by a stone and lost consciousness.

"When I awoke, I was lying near an injured worker. When he saw I was conscious, he said: 'Why did you come here to interfere with us? Have you no father and brother who works for living? Would you attack them if they struck for higher wages?' I did not answer.

"There are National Guardsmen, he said, 'in our town. Why did they have to send . . . for you? I'll tell you why. It's because the National Guardsmen in our town are our sons and brothers. But in —— 50 miles away, they can tell you lies about us, and after they make you hate us, they send you to shoot us down.'

"Since then I have found out the truth about the National Guard, as well as the army, the navy and the police. Now I know that they are all organized with but one purpose: to protect the profits of the bosses. And if workers attempt to obtain better wages, the bosses use us to suppress strikers, even ordering us to kill our fellow workers.

"Such atrocities will stop when we all realize that the bosses are putting us against members of our own class, not for our benefit, but only to save their own fat bellies."

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VI.

She did not pray to the empty sky,
Or kneel at plaster shrines,
Or hope for aid from the parasites
Who own the mills and mines.

She looked to the strength of the working class
In its march to victory
To rip the bars from the cold stone walls
AND SET TOM MOONEY FREE.

VII.

Lower her into the narrow grave,
Cover her over with soil;
She is resting with Zetkin and Luxemburg
And a million more heroes of toil.

Not your tears, but your fists and your pledges;
Not kneeling, but standing upright;
Bid farewell to a valiant comrade:
"Mother Mooney, WE'LL FINISH YOUR FIGHT!"

THE GLITTERING PRIZE OF WAR

(By A. P. ROLEY)

of the boys in No Man's Land. Then came the cries of the wounded, which rang incessantly in our ears. One, very badly maimed, lay only three yards away, just in front of the trip wire, and through the periscope we could see his eyes fixed on our parapet. At first they were lit with hope as he shouted to attract our attention, then they were afflame with rage as he cursed us for cowards, finally they were swimming with tears of despair and pain. He pleaded for succor, or at least a drop of water. We threw him a water bottle, but as he stretched to grab it a machine gun was turned on him. . . . I saw the slugs strike home. . . . His eyes glazed. . . . he just moaned. Hope was gone. . . . life was speeding quickly. We cursed the red tabs who dodged in comfort on Imbros. Big Joe, our mate, a worker, was spilling his blood for what, and for whom?

My mind returned to the present, and looking at my watch found it almost time to leave. Months of fighting, months of agony, of lives spent in useless endeavor, and six men and a second lieutenant were the last of the allied forces to leave that part of the blood-drenched sector. Down the mule trench to the ravine and Geohegan's Bluff.

Here . . . here . . . there . . . ghosts that walked with us and spoke of oil wells, imperialism, red tabs, and working class slaughter.

Wasted lives . . . wasted lives . . . wasted lives . . . wasted lives . . .

Egypt has been termed the land of romance and mystery, and the desert described in glowing phraseology, and it is not to be wondered at that so many of us in 1916 after the Gallipoli nightmare looked forward to pleasant adventures with a capital A. August 4th, 1916, saw us "standing to" on a line twenty miles east of the Suez canal.

without water.

The sixth of August dawned and the sand seemed deliberately to stick to our boots and clog our advance. Onward, ever onward, front.

At dawn, water bottles were filled and, in addition, Curley carried a "Chatty," that is, a long-necked native vessel, filled to the brim. For, as he put it, "Jack, my boy, we're going to need this liquid before the next two or three days are out." Yes—Curley was always thinking ahead of all of us.

In extended order we commenced to advance across the loose sand towards the ridge, the mounted troops in front being by this time under shell fire from the Turkish artillery.

The advance continued in the nature of a creep rather than a push, but towards 9 o'clock when we came within range of small arms we commenced to rush forward in sections, a hundred yards at a time. By this time the sun poured down on us relentlessly and the "chatty" was soon half empty, the thirsty throats of the section even demanding more. Our Lewis gun and spare ammunition grew steadily heavier.

The Turk held the higher ridges of the alleged mountain, his line of defense along the sandhills about a mile to our immediate front.

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INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY IN THE SOVIET UNION

and social culture that is without precedent."

"How about free assembly and free speech?"

"The Soviet Union is the only country of which I know—education in which the workers are free to assemble and speak their minds. There is no political agitation for the reason that the workers—the so-called lowest social class—now own and control; and they envisage no change. In their shop and factory assembly halls they meet regularly to discuss job details with the view to improving and increasing output. Since all foremen and directors are elected from themselves and by themselves, naturally, they discuss the fitness of this or that candidate before election or promotion takes place. In every department of industry similar discussions occur. The workers, it must be understood, are employers as well as workers. They are responsible both as employers and as workers. To keep the new economic order operating successfully it is essential that the workers at all times know what is going on. For this purpose free discussion is imperative; and discussion is as free as the air the workers breathe. Ownership and control by the workers, together with unrestricted discussion, constitute genuine industrial democracy; and the Soviet Union is the only country in the world today where that kind of democracy prevails."

"Did you see or hear of any labor strikes in the Soviet Union?"

* * * No Strikes.

"No, I did not. There is no occasion for strikes. Being owners as well as workers, how can the workers consistently stage a strike? If the workers struck, they would strike against themselves, and that would be absurd. While each industry is controlled by the workers in the industry, all industries are interrelated in a national planned economy with all workers in control through the agency of a central planning commission. As output increases, the earnings of the workers increase. All workers are constantly informed concerning the quantity and character of output, and with this knowledge the workers in every industry know to what extent their labor will bring them. They also know that as they increase their skill in using machinery, production will correspondingly increase, and with this increase will come increased earnings. Furthermore, the workers know that none of the products of their toil will go to a class of owners elevated above themselves. Therefore, the interest of the workers in the Soviet Union centers in more and better work, and not in strikes."

"It industrial production continues, with the workers using constantly improved machinery, what will prevent them from eventually overproducing, thereby creating an army of unemployed?"

"That is easily answered. Today in the light industries the workers put in seven hours a day and five days a week, every sixth day being a rest day. In the heavy or hazardous industries the work day is six hours. The light industry workers get two weeks off each year with full pay and free transportation to and back from any recreation resort they wish to visit. The heavy industry workers get four weeks off with full pay and free transportation. All workers are given eight additional holidays every year: four days for the May Day celebration, and four days in which to participate in the November 7th demonstration. At the age of sixty all workers retire on full pension."

"When all the comforts and luxuries, material and cultural, are provided; when everything requisite for the comfort and security of the workers has been accomplished and established, then it will be time to consider the matter of overproduction. However, when overproduction threatens, the workers will simply shorten their hours of labor to the point where consumption balances production, and the menace will vanish."

"Somebody came in the pillowbox and said that Russia had packed up fighting. 'Bloody good job,' too; they've more sense than us, was the only comment."

"Peering through one of the loopholes of the concrete structure we could see the grey mound of the German shelter about one hundred yards in front, and from this mound's tiny slit, a machine gun would spit forth its leaden hail. Between us and the enemy was a morass of bodies, battered equipment and wire, rotting pieces of bodies, and over all the stink of death. On the tick of 5 the next morning there was a roar like a thousand express trains screaming overhead. Our barrage had opened. At 6 the officer's whistle sounded shrilly, zero hour.

"There was no water, and in our frenzy we dug and even scratched with bleeding finger nails in the sand for the precious fluid. At last we realized the awful truth; our only hope rested in the arrival of the camel transport, and there we lay, too weak to stand under the palm trees, like landed trout, sweating and gasping.

"Men moaned and fainted, two in the section went mad and had to be clubbed with the butt end of a rifle, until at 6:30 the first camels arrived with the precious fluid. Curley and I, along with many others, went down the line suffering from thirst and exposure everywhere. We commenced to lose men, some falling solidly to the ground, some waving grotesquely like wooden dolls, others staggering a few yards and then